

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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original claims 1 replaced by amended claim 1 (2 pages)]

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1. A water repellent slide fastener, comprising a pair of zipper tapes (25, 26),  
to which are secured fastening elements (21, 22) which are unfastenable and  
5 fastenable through the intermediary of a zipper slide (30), said zipper tapes  
(25, 26) being water repellent, **characterized** in that the first and second  
zipper tapes (25, 26) are secured to the fastening elements (21, 22)  
asymmetrically relative to each other, such that the first one (25) extends, in  
the form of an extension (25X) crossing a centre line between the tooth  
10 elements, over the second zipper tape (26) to overlap a part of the second  
zipper tape (26), which has its other edge, the far edge relative to the  
garment, fitted with the fastening elements (22), and the zipper tape (25),  
which has the extension (25X), has the fastening elements secured to the  
point, from which the extension (25X) commences, such that the securing  
15 point is far from the edge area of the zipper tape (25) which has the  
extension (25X).

2. A slide fastener as set forth in claim 1, **characterized** in that the  
extension (25X) of one zipper tape (25) overlaps the other zipper tape (26)  
20 over the distance of 1-5 mm, commencing from the edge of the zipper tape  
(26) closer to the fastening elements (22).

3. A slide fastener as set forth in claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that said  
extension (25X) substantially conceals the slide fastener's fastening elements  
25 (21, 22).

4. A slide fastener as set forth in claim 1, **characterized** in that the zipper  
tape (25, 26) has its stiffness adapted to be such that the extension (25X) of  
one zipper tape (25) applies at least a small weight against the other zipper  
30 tape (26).

5. A zipper slide (30) for use in association with a slide fastener as set forth in claim 1, **characterized** in that the zipper slide (30) has one (32) of its body members formed with a recess (33X) for the extension (25X) of the zipper tape (25).

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6. A zipper slide (30) as set forth in claim 5, **characterized** in that the recess of the zipper slide (30) has a width of 1-5 mm and a depth of 0,2-0,8 mm, whereby the extension element (25X) of one zipper tape (25) presses against the other zipper tape (26).

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7. A slide fastener as set forth in any of claims 1-6, **characterized** in that a slide fastener (13) is fitted to an article (10), e.g. a garment, a shoe, a bag, or the like, in such a way that the zipper tape (25) has its extension (25X) positioned such that gravity denies the migration of water into possible gaps  
15 between the slide fastener's (13) fastening elements (21, 22) and/or into the slide fastener's centre slot.

## STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19

According to the invention, the zipper tapes are fitted with the fastening elements asymmetrically, leaving a long extension (25X) of only one zipper tape to substantially cover the slide fastener. The cited publication US-5,008,986 describes a symmetrical arrangement of zipper tapes for providing a tight butt seam. An incidental mentioning of possible overlapping relationship between the edges of the zipper tapes, instead of the shown and described butt seam, could provide only a slight symmetrical overlapping, without any asymmetrical extension for covering the slide fastener.